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tion in Everyman's Library. Surely nothing could be more of an incentive to the study of our drama than the appearance of this carefully chosen series in a popular-priced edition.

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PUBLICATIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Edited by Dunbar Rowland, LL.D. Centenary Series. Volume I. Jackson, Miss. 1916. Pp. 664.

The Mississippi Historical Society, which, under the direction of Professor Riley, has achieved a preëminence in local historical work, begins with this volume a new series under a new editor, Dr. Rowland. Of the 616 pages of text, excluding index, 395 consist of an intensive study of Provisional Government in Mississippi, 1865-1868, by J. S. McNeily; a well-written and well-documented monograph, notable for its lack of footnotes and absence of chapter division. Other titles are "Mississippi," a State song, and "Mississippi's Colonial Population," by Mrs. Dunbar Rowland, "History of Company C, Second Mississippi Regiment, Spanish-American War," by James Malcolm Robert Shaw, "Colonel Strother Gaines and Main Traveled Roads," by George J. Leftwich, "James Lockhart Autry," by James M. Greer, and "Walthall's Brigade, Army of the Tennessee, C. S. A.," by E. T. Sykes.

The contents compare favorably with preceding volumes; but a notable contrast is the absence of biographical sketches of the contributors, the entire neglect of footnotes, and also the absence of bibliographies. The sub-title, Centenary Series, is a tribute to the one-hundredth anniversary of Mississippi's admission to statehood, which occurred in 1817. Source material is promised for future volumes.

WM. K. BOYD.

AMERICA'S CASE AGAINST GERMANY. By Lindsay Rogers. New York: E. P. Dutton & Company. Pp. xiv, 264. 1917.

Dr. Rogers's purpose in writing this book may be stated in his own words: "To describe the origin and development of the controversy which was the immediate cause of the war between the United States and Germany." Though the author's point of view is that of the writer on international law, the book may be

recommended to the general reader for its clear, untechnical, and very readable statement of the principles of international law involved in the American trade in munitions and foodstuffs on the one hand, and in the German effort to put down that trade by submarines on the other. Dr. Rogers's treatment of the diplomatic correspondence between the two countries on these subjects is to be commended. Leaving out side issues and unessentials, he brings only the main points of the diplomatic notes before our eyes, and he does it adequately and interestingly, as well as calmly and dispassionately.

S. L. WARE.

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE. Division of Inter-course and Education. "The Imperial Japanese Mission, 1917." Washington, D. C. Pp. 125. 1918.

This handsomely bound pamphlet is a record of the reception accorded throughout the United States to the Special Mission headed by Viscount Ishii and sent by Japan to this country last year. The record is a very full one, the speeches of welcome and the responses are given verbatim, and all the attendant circumstances and incidents of the triumphant progress of the Mission are set forth. The whole forms a fitting memorial of a great display of international friendship between the two nations.

S. L. WARE.

PLATONISM. By Paul Elmer More, author of the *Shelburne Essays*, The Louis Clark Vanuxem Lectures, Princeton University, for 1917-1918. Princeton University Press. Pp. ix+307. 1918.

"Only through the centralizing force of religious faith or through its equivalent in philosophy can the intellectual life regain its meaning and authority for earnest men. Yet, for the present, at least, the dogmas of religion have lost their hold, while the current philosophy of the schools has become in large measure a quibbling of specialists on technical points of minor importance, or, where serious, too commonly has surrendered to that flattery of the instinctive elements of human nature which is the very negation of mental and moral discipline."

These words from the preface of Mr. More's book give the spirit of his undertaking. He might have added, in all fairness,